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TOPIC Soviet Loadings in the Area of the Erfurt Railroad District			
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The following is a list of Soviet loadings made at 35 railroad stations in the Erfurt railroad district in August 1953:

1. Total Shipments:

ILLEGIB	Number of Cars	Load
ILLEGIB		military goods
	130	5 troop trains (156), tanks (8) and other military goods
	1	military goods
ILLEGIB	128	trains with undetermined load (117) and other military goods 1
	116	3 trains with undetermined load 1
	59	foodstuff
	33	1 troop train
	87	2 trains with undetermined load 1
	4	military goods
	6	hay
	169	4 troop trains (156), 1 train with undetermined load 1
	35	3 troop trains
	44	1 train with undetermined load 1

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From	Number of Cars	Load
Langensalza	1	straw
Lossa	69	1 train with undetermined load (25) and other military goods 1
Luisenthal	1	military goods
Marbach	122	foodstuff
Mechterstaedt	137	4 troop trains (114) and military goods
Muehlhausen	2	military goods
Muenchenbernsdorf	37	fuel
Naumburg	58	1 train with undetermined load 1
Ohrdruf	304	11 troop trains
Orlamuende	24	2 trains with undetermined load 1
Rosslieben	90	3 trains with vehicles and soldiers
Rudolstadt	15	1 train with motor vehicles 1
Sangerhausen	2	furniture
Schnoelln	10	footwear
Sonneberg	10	military goods
Suhl	1	military goods
Unterwellenborn	4	military goods
Worbis	2	accumulators
Weimar	336	7 troop trains (305), mail (31)
Weissenfels	21	1 train with undetermined load (13) and footwear 1
Zeitz	58	1 troop train (15), flour (32) and military goods
Karsdorf	783	cement 2

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2. Some of the above shipments are broken down below:

B - boxcar; F/S - flatcar with sideracks, SS - heavy-duty flatcar,  
RRy - heavy-duty flatcar

August 1953	Number of Cars	Load	From	To
5	1	military goods	Apolda	Burgstaedt, 1
	1	"	"	Koenigsauerhausen, 1

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August 1953	Number of Cars	Load	From	To
11	3	iron	Apolda	Frankfurt/Oder
2	3 Rwy 18	troop train	Crawinkel	Altengrabow 4
	27	"	"	Weimar
8	10	"	"	Jena-West
19	49	"	"	Altenburg
21	2 Rwy 47	"	"	Jena
1	3 SS	tanks	"	Kirchzoesen
10-22	4 Rwy	"	"	Jena
31	1 Rwy	"	"	Hohenstein-Ernstthal
14 and 24	7 B	military goods	"	Altenheim
29	1	"	"	Fuerstenuelde-South,
23	57	undetermined	Eisenach	Altengrabow 4
	60	"	"	Bad Koestritz
12	2 Rwy	tanks	"	Hohenstein-Ernstthal
20	1 Rwy	"	"	Kurort Jonsdorf
28	5 F/S	military goods	"	Fuerstenuelde
2	58	undetermined	Emleben	Altengrabow 6
19	13	"	"	Treuenbrietzen
27	45	"	"	Zeitz
28	6 Rwy 27	troop train	Esperstedt	Altenburg
8	67	undetermined	Georgenthal	Altengrabow 4

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August 1953	Number of Cars	Load	From	To
28	1 SS 19	undetermined	Georgenthal	Gera
10	10	military goods	Jena	Crawinkel
14	2 RPy 41	vehicles and soldiers	"	"
26	45 [ ]	"	"	Georgenthal
27	11 RPy 18 [ ]	"	"	Zeitz
	9 RPy 30	"	"	"
25	12 [ ]	troop train	Kahla	Crawinkel
	13 [ ]	"	"	"
26	10 [ ]	"	"	"
28	44	undetermined	Koelleda	Mechterstaedt
1-24	30	military goods	Lossa	Halle
3-28	14	"	"	Muenchenbernsdorf, Jueterbog, Altes Lager, Erfurt, Muensdorf, Altenhain, Luckenwalde
29	25	undetermined	"	Koenigswisternhausen
19	14 [ ]	vehicles and soldiers	Mechterstaedt	Eberswalde
23	48 [ ]	"	"	Lossa
26	9 [ ]	troop train	Mechterstaedt	Luebben
17	43 [ ]	"	"	Rossleben
23-29	14	military goods	"	Merseburg
3-18	7	"	"	Naumburg-Pforta, Jueterbog, Altes Lager, Muenchenbernsdorf, Luckenwalde, Werder

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August 1953	Number of Cars	load	From	To
31	10 RRV 48	undetermined	Naumburg-East	Ohrdruf
25X1	12	"	Ohrdruf	Donndorf
25X1	13	"	"	Plauen
25X1	33 4 RRV	"	"	Rossleben
25X1	17 16 RRV	"	"	Donndorf
25X1	14	"	"	Halle
25X1	27 1 RRV	"	"	Rossleben
25X1	19	"	"	Altenburg
25X1	22	"	"	Altengrabow
25X1	26	"	"	Luebben
25X1	18 4 RRV	"	"	Lossa
25X1	17	"	Orlamünde	Aken
25X1	2	vehicles and soldiers	Rossleben	Altengrabow
25X1	5	"	"	Ohrdruf
25X1	22	vehicles and soldiers	"	"
25X1	8	undetermined motor vehicles	Rudolstadt	"
25X1	1-9	footwear	Schmölln	Bernau
25X1	28 and 29	military goods	Sonneberg	Saalfeld

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August 1953	Number of Cars	Load	From	To
10	41	undetermined	Weimar	Koenigsbrueck )
	45	"	"	" )
19	30	"	"	Trauenbrietzen )
26	53	"	"	Luebben )
	60	"	"	" )
28	50	"	"	" )
	22	"	"	" )
1-31	31 B	mail	"	Potsdam
5	13	military goods	Weissenfels	Ohrdruf
8	7 B	footwear	"	Bernau
6-24	32 B	flour	Zeitz	Marbach
7-26	10	military goods	"	Weimar
31	9	vehicles, soldiers and tanks	"	Glauchau 3
	7 RVV			
1-21	783	cement	Karsdorf	Vogelsang 2

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- 25X1 1. Comment. Probably, troop shipments. 25X1A
2. Comment. Shipments of construction material for the enlargement of Schorfheide airfield.
- 25X1 3. Comment. Eighteen of the (because of their volume of loadings) most important 35 railroad stations were compared with stations mentioned during the preceding month. The comparison shows that the volume of shipments decreased. If all actual and probable troop trains as well as shipments of construction material for Schorfheide airfield are omitted, there remain only 455 carloads for military supply traffic in the Erfurt district in August 1953, compared with 800 to 900 carloads during the preceding months. A decrease in intrazonal military supply traffic was also discernible in other railroad districts. The decrease cannot yet be interpreted.
- 25X1 4. Comment. The shipments from the three troop training grounds of the Eighth Gds Army to Altengrabow of artillery units of the two rifle corps were previously determined
- 25X1 5. Comment. Only some of the movements between the troop training grounds have so far been covered. Exchange movements similar to these were also observed last year.

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- 25X1 6. [REDACTED] Comment. Bad Koestritz is located north of Gera. On 24 August,  
25X1 train [REDACTED] also went to Bad Koestritz from Glauchau, carrying a unit  
of the 220th Hvy Tank SP Regt. It is believed that the unit of the XXIX Gds  
Mtz Rifle Corps and that from Glauchau transferred to this area for practices.  
No details have so far been obtained however.
- 25X1 7. [REDACTED] Comment. These trains carried headquarters units, signal units and,  
from Weimar, also AAA units, of the army headquarters of the Eighth Gds Army  
and the two subordinate corps headquarters to the command post exercise in  
Mecklenburg and Brandenburg which started about 26 August. [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] the unloading  
25X1 area of these units could not yet be determined. The present information indicates  
that the bulk of the units was unloaded in the Luebben area, presumably to make  
preparations for the command post exercise. As the elements unloaded in Luebben  
returned to their billeting area from Burg on 8 September, they must have made  
a movement from east to west, south of Berlin. These movements correspond to  
those of the other armies participating which, from the Pasewalk-Eberswalde  
area, advanced until 8 September to the area north of Rathenow, from where they  
departed. The elements of the Eighth Gds Army directly shipped to Treuenbrietzen  
returned to their units from there on 9 September.
- 25X1 8. [REDACTED] Comment. On 27 and 28 August, units, chiefly belonging to the XXVIII Gds  
25X1 Mtz Rifle Corps, were shipped to Zeitz and Altenburg [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] It can be assumed that these units conducted  
the field exercise east of Naumburg from 28 to 31 August, which included a Saale  
River crossing from south to north. The first return shipments were made from  
Naumburg-Ost to Chdruf and from Zeitz to Glauchau on train [REDACTED] on 31 August. 25X1
- 25X1 9. [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably, trains with units of the 20th Gds Mecz Div which returned  
to Camp Crawinkel upon completion of field exercises in the Kahla-Jena area. 25X1
- 25X1 10. [REDACTED] Comment. Loading station and unloading station tend to indicate that the  
two trains carried engineer units of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps to new  
exercises on the Elbe River.
- 25X1 11. [REDACTED] Comment. The two trains were previously determined from [REDACTED] 25X1  
records. No definite information on the units transferred could be obtained.
- 25X1 [REDACTED]

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